

OHIO CONFERENCE REPORT.

WEST ALEXANDRIA, O., June 7th, 1894.

The conference of the Brethren churches of the state of Ohio assembled promptly at 9:30 A. M. with H. S. Jacobs in the chair.

J. M. Tombaugh, J. M. Bowman and Dr. Pearson were appointed a committee on credentials. The committee reported the following roll of churches and delegates:

Ashland—S. J. Harrison (Ministerial delegate.) Ankneytown—F. L. Garber (Lay. delegate.) Buckeye City—Isaac Ross (Min.) Bear Creek—Simon Oakes (Min.) C. E. Deffenbaugh (Min.) Mrs. C. E. Deffenbaugh (Lay.) Bryan, Concord, (Not represented.) Dayton—S. Kiehl (Min.) E. Phillips (Lay.) Dry Creek, Farmersville—Susan Cotterman (Lay.) Joshua Gilbert (Lay.) Fair Haven—P. J. Brown (Min.) Wm. Keifer (Min.) Fairview—J. M. Tombaugh (Min.) M. White (Lay.) Carrie McCoy (Lay.) Homer, H. S., Jacobs (Min.) Louisville, Mt. Zion—W. A. Welty (Lay.) Miamisburg—Lydia Fox (Lay.) Middle Branch—Corwin Hill (Lay.) North Liberty—Frank Garber (Lay.) Pleasant Hill—W. W. Summers (Min.) Ella E. Teeter (Lay.) S. R. Teeter, Lay., Pleasant Ridge, Silver Creek, Troy—Simon Mikesell (Min.) Elizabeth Mikesell (Lay.) C. L. Eccard (Lay.) Winchester—Martin Shively (Min.) John Stover (Lay.) West Independence—W. D. Hill (Lay.) Gretna, West Alexandria—David Loroman (Lay.) John Wolfe (Lay.) Williamstown, North Georgetown, Bloomer—Henry Brandt (Lay.) Pittsburg—Dr. A. Pearson (Min.) Elwood Condon (Lay.)

The chair appointed as a committee on committees P. J. Brown, Martin Shively and Frank Garber. The following committees were reported and the report adopted:

General Church work, P. J. Brown, Dr. Pearson, Wm. Keifer. Education, J. M. Tombaugh, Martin Shively, Corwin Hill. Woman's work, Minnie O. Deffenbaugh, Elda Teeter, Carrie McCoy. Mission Work, J. M. Bowman, W. W. Summers, Peter Shank. Y. P. work, F. L. Garber, W. A. Welty, W. D. Hill. Temperance Work, S. Kiehl, S. Mikesell, Isaac Ross. Resolutions, M. White, J. M. Bowman, Simon Oakes. Nominations Wm. Keifer, Henry Muhr, Dr. Pearson. Rules, J. M. Tombaugh, S. Mikesell, M. C. Kimmel. Publications, S. J. Harrison, Martin Shively, W. W. Summers. Respectfully submitted, P. J. Brown, M. Shively, F. L. Garber.

A letter was now read from the Troy church in regard to ordaining C. L. Eccard to the ministry; also another letter from the Fairview church asking that Mack White be ordained to the ministry. A motion was made to allow Wm. Keifer to sit as a delegate, he having forgotten his credentials. Motion carried.

The minutes of last year's conference were read and corrections ordered made. J. W. Bowman to J. M. Bowman, \$25000.00 to \$2500.00 and E. N. T. to English New Testament, approved as corrected.

The report of the committee on Rules was called for and reported as follows:

- 1st. All the members of the Brethren church present at the Conference shall be entitled to participate in the discussions, but only delegates bearing credentials shall be entitled to vote.
- 2nd. No speaker shall be allowed to speak more than twice on the same question except by permission of Conference.
- 3rd. No speech shall exceed ten minutes except on topic programmed.
- 4th. No one shall be allowed to speak till he has addressed the chair and shall be recognized.
- 5th. Any speaker using personalities shall be immediately called to order by the chairman.

J. M. Tombaugh,
Committee { Simon Mikesell,
M. C. Kimmel.

The next in order was the topic on program, Our Relation to Single Immersion by J. M. Bowman. Time for adjournment having arrived, conference adjourned till 1:30 P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION. JUNE 7, '94.

The conference assembled at 1:30 P. M. J. M. Bowman now concluded his remarks on the topic assigned. A number of persons engaged in the general discussion.

The following resolution was presented and passed:

Resolved that it is the sense of this conference that it is unscriptural to receive into fellowship with the Brethren church those who have received only single immersion.

The topic "Upon what ground do we continue to foster, improve and enlarge the Brethren church," was discussed by P. J. Brown. General discussion followed. At this point several motions were made but failed to carry. The committee on General Church Work now made a partial report:

That this conference designate the first Tuesday after the first Sunday of June in each year as the time for holding the

State Conference of the Sabbath school and Brethren church in the state of Ohio, unless another day designated by the executive committee as early as the first day of March preceeding the said first Tuesday after the first Sunday of June.

The partial report was adopted. Adjourned till 7:30 P. M.

EVENING SESSION. JUNE 7, '94.

The conference convened at 7:30 P. M. The report of the Board of Appeals was called for and was presented by the secretary of the Board.

The following report of the Board was unanimously adopted:

WEST ALEXANDRIA, OHIO, June 7th, 1894.

We the members of your Board of Appeals submit our first annual report as follows:—

Immediately upon our election on said Board, at the convention of last year, held at Middle Branch, Ohio, we organized by electing J. M. Tombaugh, president, and Martin Shively, Secretary. Early in the existence of the board, James A. Ridenhour appealed to it to reverse the decision of the Troy church in expelling him from its membership, on the ground that the charges it had preferred against him, did not warrant the extreme penalty inflicted, and at the same time, plead guilty to the charges as they appear on the secretary's book at Troy. After much correspondence with him and the Troy church, and having had the charges explained to some extent, the board had a meeting at Eagle Lake park, during the last National convention, and decided to sustain the acting of the Troy church in withdrawing fellowship from the said James A. Ridenhour, and at once informed him of the decision.

A case from Ankneytown, in which Levi Grubb appeared as plaintiff against the church at that place, was referred to the board for a hearing. The secretary admonished the plaintiff to seek satisfaction at the hands of the church first, and in case of failure, to announce his intention of calling on the Board of Appeals. Upon receiving answer that all this had been done, the board announced a date for hearing the case, and informed both plaintiff and pastor of said date. But just three days before that date the pastor, Jesse Calvert informed the board that no committee would be accepted by the church, especially a committee of which Martin Shively was a member, on the ground of partially in said member. The proposed meeting was recalled, and nothing has since been done in the matter.

Still later, James A. Ridenhour appealed for the reopening of his case at Troy. On account of matters unnecessary to mention in this report, the board declined granting his request.

Respectfully submitted,
J. M. TOMBAUGH, chairman,
MARTIN SHIVELY, secretary.

At this juncture Martin Shively presented his resignation as a member of the Board of Appeals. The resignation was not accepted.

A motion was made that the chair appoint a special committee of three to take up the J. A. Ridenhour case. Motion carried.

Henry Murr, Mack White and Frank Garber were appointed as the special committee.

The committee on General church work was again called upon for a farther report. They presented the following:

That the chairman and sec'y. of the Ohio State Conference of the Brethren church be authorized to sign minister's certificates, such as are furnished by the Brethren Book and Tract Committee, for all ministers furnishing satisfactory recommendations from their home church.

Moved, seconded and carried to refer a letter from the Prattville church to the Home Mission Board.

The report of the committee on Nominations was now presented.

OFFICERS FOR CHURCH CONVENTION OF 1895.

President, S. J. Harrison, Vice President, J. L. Kimmel, Secretary, L. L. Garber, Assistant Secretary, Bertha Myers, Treasurer, Simon Mikesell, Committee on R. R. fare, E. J. Worst, Executive Committee, Isaac Murray, Wm. Keifer, E. J. Worst, member of board of Appeals J. M. Tombaugh, member of board of Home Missions, Henry Homan. Trustees of Ashland University for three years, John Keim, Jacob Geib, Sylvanus Summers, for two years, C. E. Deffenbaugh, Simon Oakes, Josiah Keim, for one year, J. C. Beal, A. J. Baughman, Julius Kimmel.

The committee on Education was now ready to report and the following report was unanimously adopted.

Whereas, The liberal donations of our Brotherhood has made it possible that our school,—Ashland University, may yet succeed, and

Whereas, The Board of Trustees Finance Com. have secured the co-operation and services of our Bro., Dr. Garst, in opening once more the doors of our institution of learning to the Brotherhood and general public.

Resolved, That we commend the hearty liberality our Brotherhood has manifested and Resolved, That we commend the